

‘Survival Guide’ for
Research Teams Aboard CINMS R/V Ballena



CINMS Staff is pleased to be collaborating with you and your team on the current initiative. The point of our ‘Survival Guide’ is not to restrict anyone, but simply to clarify several issues that will make your time at sea as efficient, productive, and safe as possible. First and foremost it must be stated that the Captain will have final authority in all matters. Because ultimate responsibility for all persons aboard rests with the Captain, so too shall the final word with regards to all research operations. Second, it should be understood that unforeseen factors might cause the cancellation of a trip at the last minute or during operations. CINMS agrees to be as flexible as possible, but poor weather, or resource emergencies may require changes in the project plan. We will attempt to avoid these situations and will reschedule at the earliest convenience. Lastly, we would like to take this chance to inform you that upon boarding the R/V Ballena, a 20 minute safety/acquaintance tour will be given to your team. This is to familiarize the team with vessel amenities as well as emergency procedures and safety equipment. Several things will be expected of the Research Team:

- Any personnel with medical conditions that may become problematic during research operations must notify the Captain and CINMS Manager at the time CINMS Research Form B (Cruise Plan) is submitted.
- The research team is responsible for supplying all meals for their team as well as CINMS crew for the duration of the cruise. The R/V Ballena is equipped with a full electric range, sink, microwave oven, refrigerator, toaster, and coffee maker. Pots and pans are limited, but silver and dishes abound. We have a TV/VCR, so bring movies if you like.
- Each member of the Research Team is responsible for their own bedding (pillow, sleeping bag, and sheets). The R/V Ballena sleeps seven adults. Standard crew aboard the vessel is a Captain, and one deck hand, leaving 5 spaces for the research team. If necessary, a member of the research team with proper vessel experience may act as the deck hand to open one additional space. Clothing for all weather conditions should be packed, including a hat, sun glasses and rain gear.
- Upon return to the Harbor, the research team is responsible to assist the crew in cleaning the vessels interior and exterior (typically lasting an hour).
- Our final request is that the Principle Investigator contact (by phone) the Captain and/or CINMS Manager no less that one week before operations begin. This will allow an opportunity to review cruise plan, any special requirements, and minimize last minute complications.

I understand all the above mentioned items, and agree to adhere to all requirements of researchers working aboard NOAA’s Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary vessels. Please initial, and date, then send a copy to CINMS 113 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109, phone- (805) 966-7107, FAX- (805) 568-1582, web URL- www.cinms.nos.noaa.gov

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